

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE PATRICIA BLEVINS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Patricia Blevins of the Delaware State Senate, this year's recipient of Special Recognition from the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network for her efforts to champion small business growth in Delaware.

As you know, small businesses have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through Senator Blevins' efforts and guidance, she has distinguished herself as a leader in the promotion of small business growth in Delaware.

Through out my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small business community to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of Senator Blevins by the Delaware SBDC Network, in my mind, confirms this belief.

Senator Blevins' accomplishments and innovative leadership in the small business community have place Delaware's business community in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend her on her receipt of this award and wish her continued success in her efforts.

HONORING ANNE TRAFICANTE

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Anne Traficante, a great Floridian, a caring wife and mother, and a noted political activist. Mrs. Traficante was no stranger to the political arena, and her contributions on behalf of the citizens of Sunrise and all of South Florida will not be forgotten.

Traficante first got involved in local advocacy in the mid-1970s when she and her husband first relocated to the South Florida region. A dedicated activist, Traficante steadfastly worked to fight for important measures that were of great concern to her and her community. In a 1992 interview, she said, "I have to get up and chastise and criticize and fight for what I believe is right. It's something that has to be done, and I get up to do it."

Many of Mrs. Traficante's efforts focused on aiding her fellow senior citizens. She successfully fought for weather shelters at bus stops in Sunrise, lobbied the city to create a senior living center, and in the wake of Hurricane An-

drew's destruction she went so far as to criticize city commissioners for allotting \$44,806 in the budget for senior citizen parties. In addition, Mrs. Traficante volunteered her time and resources by opening a distribution center in Sunrise where hurricane victims could receive free food, baby supplies, and other items.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor to stand here today and remember the life of an exemplary citizen of South Florida, one who remained devoted to her fellow neighbors and sought a better quality of life for her community. Her legacy as an ardent and accomplished political activist will last for many years to come. Mrs. Traficante is survived by her daughter, Joyce Shepard of Queens, NY, along with 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN O'DOHERTY,
PRESIDENT, CORONA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the city of Corona, CA are exceptional. Corona has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated business and community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. John O'Doherty is one of these individuals. On January 11, 2003, the Corona Chamber of Commerce hosted an Installation and Awards Banquet in celebration of John's year as president.

John has been an invaluable member of the Corona Chamber of Commerce, having served as Treasurer, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, president Elect and currently, as President. His commitment to involvement has set a benchmark for those who follow him. During the past year, John has presided over Board, Executive and membership meetings as well as attending almost every after-hours activity. He prides himself on being involved beyond his direct duties as President. In addition to this extensive Chamber event involvement, John became a regular at the city council meetings giving a Chamber update to the mayor and council members.

As his tenure as President, John had several noteworthy accomplishments. The Chamber grew in membership from 780 members to over 900. He also encouraged and participated in the growth and expansion of Chamber events such as Good Morning Corona which grew to an average attendance in excess of 100 and quarterly Membership Meeting Luncheons, which hit the all time high this year with over 320 members in attendance. Committee growth was also a legacy of this fine leader and under his tutelage, many Committees were motivated to reach landmark per-

formance goals. The Chamber also reintroduced the Five P.M. Christmas Holiday, expanded the scope of the Business Expo and finely tuned the Ambassadors, who assisted many businesses in grand openings, open houses and ground breaking ceremonies.

Under John's exemplary leadership, the Chamber was a visible participant in the annual Corona Beautiful program, run through the City of Corona's Economic and Redevelopment Department. He also oversaw a very successful Casino Night which raised proceeds that went to scholarships for high school students in the local area. The Chamber also hosted a very successful 13th Annual Corona Night with the Anaheim Angels.

John has set a standard for excellence and commitment that will be difficult to duplicate. John's diligent work as the President of the Corona Chamber of Commerce has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of the city of Corona. His involvement in the community makes me proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that all of the members of the Chamber are grateful for his service and salute him as his term comes to an end. I look forward to working with him in the future for the good of our community.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION TO
EXPRESS THE SENSE OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN
SUPPORT OF FEDERAL AND
STATE FUNDED IN-HOME CARE
FOR THE ELDERLY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support of Federal and State funded in-home care for the elderly. This legislation essentially highlights the inadequacies seniors face with electing in-home care. By increasing financial assistance for in-home care, establishing fee payment guidelines, implementing better schooling for in-home aides, and assembling a supervisory board of care givers, we can help to ensure that the quality of care elderly receive in home is as adequate as hospitalized attention.

Mr. Speaker, this is an important resolution for two crucial reasons. First, it allows the elderly to remain independent and sustain viability during the last years of their life. Supporting studies show that seniors who receive in-home care have greater life expectancies than seniors who are moved from everything that is familiar to them and placed in nursing homes. Second, this resolution would encourage increase employment opportunities in the nursing and in-home care industries. By implementing government funded in-home care to equal that of nursing home care, more seniors will elect being nursed at home, which in turn increases job opportunities. All of which we

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can achieve through raising the quality of in-home care.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation. As members of Congress we have a great opportunity to make a positive impact on this issue, an issue that is of concern to many of our grandparents, parents, and will be of concern to us. I look forward to working with my colleagues and moving this resolution forward.

IN HONOR OF BANK ONE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bank One, this year's recipient of the Delaware Small Business Champion Award from the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network.

As you know, small businesses have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through Bank One's teamwork and guidance, it has distinguished itself as a leader in the promotion of small business growth in Delaware by offering a valuable service and maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction.

Throughout my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small business community to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of Bank One by the Delaware SBDC Network, in my mind, confirms this belief.

Bank One's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the small business community have placed this institution in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend Bank One on its receipt of this award and wish it continued success.

HONORING ANTHONY CANNESTRO

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Anthony Cannestro, an effective union leader, a loving family man, and a great citizen of Florida. Born originally in Newark, NJ, Cannestro entered the U.S. Navy and later became a machinist. In 1958, Cannestro and his wife of 49 years, Mary, relocated to South Florida.

Mr. Cannestro will long be remembered for his tireless efforts in establishing and running Teamsters Local 769. Cannestro was a key member of the original group that first organized workers, and he soon became the Local's vice president. In 1973, as a resident of the Fort Lauderdale and Cooper City area, he was asked to assume the presidency of the union by his fellow Teamsters, and he remained the union's boss until he retired in 1999.

Mr. Cannestro was often regarded as one of Florida's more powerful voices in the orga-

nized labor movement for the better part of 40 years, wielding his influence from the state capital on down to local city councils. During his time as president of Local 769, the Teamsters successfully unionized local government employees, construction and building employees, airline workers, and more employees from numerous trades. Cannestro's effective organizing tactics landed him a post on the Georgia-Florida Conference of Teamsters where he contributed to an important regional dialogue on the Teamsters and its presence in the Southeastern portion of the country.

In addition to his work with the Teamsters, Mr. Cannestro volunteered his time to many charitable groups, including serving as general chairman of the Boys Town of Italy. He also served locally for the American Red Cross and raising awareness for Cerebral Palsy.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a special occasion to honor Mr. Cannestro. His earnest efforts in South Florida to afford his fellow union members common sense worker protections and to raise the standard of living serves as an example to us all.

Mr. Cannestro is survived by his wife Mary, of Lady Lake, and four children, Ginny of Dania Beach, Anthony Jr. of Navarre Beach, Michael of West Palm Beach, and Nicholas of Dania Beach. Mr. Cannestro also is survived by 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

EDUCATION

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, the White House has abruptly ended the brief era of bi-partisan cooperation on the vital issue of education. In his recent budget message the President halts the six year pattern of increases for education. Private school vouchers are returned to the federal policy agenda through the proposal of a 75 million dollar funding initiative. HeadStart is threatened with obliteration through the combination of a freeze on funding and the transfer of this successful child development program to the limited confines of the Department of Education. And finally, the administration has not continued the 1.2 billion dollars in funding for school repairs which was introduced in the last year of the Clinton administration. Only for charter schools is there a recognized need for school construction and modernization—100 million dollars is provided. Meanwhile, the overcrowding and unhealthy conditions persist in schools serving the poorest children throughout the nation. Without adequate facilities and other vital education resources, No Child Left Behind becomes a fraudulent and deceptive piece of legislation. The following rap poem sums up the spirit of this rapidly deteriorating situation.

CROWD THE CHILDREN IN

No Child Left Behind,
Crowd them in,
Construction dollars
Never win.
No Child Left Behind
The budget is unkind
An increase of billions
They promised—
A bold elephant fable,
A decrease by millions
Placed on the table.

Under funding catastrophe
Lurking in the wind,
Carefully covered sin,
Regally wrapped spin,
Cutbacks cover the table.
On the made in White House label
Read progress,
Camouflage the big mess,
Public relations success.
No Child Left Behind,
Crowd them in,
Construction dollars
Never Win.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID P. ZAPPE, CIVIL ENGINEER OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to Riverside County are exceptional. Riverside County has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. David Zappe is one of these individuals. This year David will retire from the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District after providing more than 33 years of loyal, consciences and outstanding engineering and management service period.

A native born Californian, David attended public schools in Riverside and Palm Springs, California. In 1969 he graduated from California State Polytechnic College in Pomona, California with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. As a student he was a member of the Engineer Honorary Fraternity, Sigma Phi Alpha.

After his graduation David was employed by the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District as a Junior Engineer. He was quickly promoted to Associate Civil and Senior Civil Engineer position. As Senior Civil Engineer, David supervised the District's Project Planning Section. In 1983 David was promoted to the position of Flood Control Principal Engineer, with the responsibility for management of the Administrative Division, one of five divisions in the District. In 1992, he was promoted to the position of Assistant Chief Engineer and was responsible for coordination of District activities involving the District's six division and other governmental and private entities in the execution of the District's mission. In 1996 David was promoted to the position of General Manager-Chief Engineer.

The Riverside County Flood and Water Conservation District presently employees a staff of approximately 175, forty of which are graduate engineers and thirty eight are registered civil engineers in the State of California. Under David's exemplary leadership the District continues to pursue an aggressive effort to design and construct needed flood control infrastructure.

In addition to his degree in Civil Engineering, David completed the Advanced Management Program and the Executive Management Program at the University of California, Riverside. He has been a registered Civil Engineer

in the State of California since 1972. He also is a member of ASCE and APWA.

David's tireless work and unwavering loyalty will long be remembered. His commitment to the excellence of the District has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of Riverside County. His involvement in the community makes me proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that the District and many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires.

CONGRATULATING THE TAMPA
BAY BUCCANEERS FOR WINNING
SUPER BOWL XXXVII

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I dare not say that it is with great pride that I rise today in support of the resolution offered by my good friend from Tampa, Mr. DAVIS. After all, I am a Miami Dolphins fan. However, it is with high regard, as well as a bit of shock, that I rise today to honor the Super Bowl XXXVII champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. As a Floridian, I share in Mr. DAVIS' excitement. For who would have ever thought that the Buccaneers would ever make it to the Super Bowl, let alone win it?

But seriously, Mr. Speaker, all of us need to tip our hats in admiration of the accomplishments made by the 2002–2003 Buccaneer team. As I said to one of my staffers on Monday morning, "Yeah, Oakland didn't really show up to play, but could you believe the Bucs' defense?" Not since the Steelers' Iron Curtain defense of the 1970s has the National Football League seen a defense as dominating as the Tampa Bay defenses of the late 1990s through this past season. Credit must be given to those who deserve it, and the Buccaneer defense is where credit is due. The team's defensive leaders such as Warren Sapp, Simeon Rice, Greg Spires, Ronde Barber, John Lynch, Dwight Smith, and the Super Bowl Most Valuable Player, Dexter Jackson, are to be truly credited for leading the team that everyone wanted to win, but no one thought could, to a Super Bowl championship.

No pun intended, Mr. Speaker, but the buck didn't stop at Tampa's defense. The team's offense was equally impressive. Quarterback Brad Johnson, running backs Michael Pittman, Mike Alstott, and wide receivers Keenan McCardell, Joe Jurevicius, and Keyshawn Johnson were virtually unstoppable. Who would have ever thought that a team like the Buccaneers, built for defense but capable of an offensive explosion, would ever register 48 points against a relatively good Oakland Raider defense? I certainly didn't.

Additionally, I commend Tampa head coach Jon Gruden and his entire coaching staff, especially longtime Tampa Defensive Coordinator Monte Kiffin, for a job well done. As a Miami fan, I hope that Coach Kiffin finds his way into a head-coaching job out of the state of Florida. Frankly, the Dolphins and Jacksonville Jaguars are itching to regain the title of "Florida's Best NFL Team." Finally, I would be remiss if I sit down before honoring the work

that had been done by Tampa's previous coach, Tony Dungy. Coach Dungy built the Tampa team that won last weekend, and he is as deserving as anyone of credit for the Super Bowl victory.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I remind the gentleman from Tampa, Mr. DAVIS, that the greatest team in NFL history was a team that went 17–0 from a little city in South Florida that we call Miami. The 1972 Dolphins, now that team was perfect. Nonetheless, today is about the Buccaneers. Therefore, today, I congratulate the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for winning Super Bowl XXXVII. As for tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, well, go Dolphins!

IN HONOR OF DR. MARY EMILY
MILLER

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Mary Emily Miller of The Miller Farm, this year's recipient of the Special Family Business Longevity Award from the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network.

As you know, small businesses such as The Miller Farm, have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through Dr. Miller's guidance, The Miller Farm has distinguished itself as a leader amongst small businesses in Delaware by offering a valuable service and maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction.

Throughout my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small businesses to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of The Miller Farm by the Delaware SBDC Network, in my mind, confirms this belief.

Dr. Miller's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the small business community have placed The Miller Farm in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend her on her receipt of this award and wish her continued success.

HONORING J. "RICK"
RICCIARDELLI

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. J. "Rick" Ricciardelli, a former North Miami councilman, civic leader, and a great Floridian. Born in 1923, Ricciardelli joined the marines where he fought in World War II as a young man. Soon after returning from Europe, he became commander of the North Miami AMVETS, the first chapter in South Florida, and later became vice commander of the national veterans organization.

Arriving in North Miami with his family in 1947, Ricciardelli became involved in local

community projects and was elected to the North Miami Council in 1950. In addition to being an active council member, Ricciardelli also served as city judge and police commissioner. As a result of his dedication to his community, the bridge on Northwest 125th Street now bears his name due to his efforts in helping to build it.

In his professional life, Ricciardelli managed two very successful insurance companies, Underwriters Financial of Florida and Specialty Insurance Underwriters. In 1977, he served as chair to the Florida Insurance Fraud Committee, where he led a statewide operation to protect consumers and halt the practice of insurance fraud.

Not to be forgotten, Mr. Ricciardelli was devoted to his family and community. He was known to raise money for various charitable groups, and he was involved with the Boys Town of Italy. His exemplary work and his kind generosity afforded him the distinction of being knighted by the Italian government.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a special occasion to stand here and honor Mr. Ricciardelli. His commitment to the people of North Miami and to all Floridians serves as an example to us all.

Mr. Ricciardelli is survived by his wife Debbie, and daughters Peggy Appler, Nancy Corbin, Vikki McGowan, Denise Strniste, and Rikki Southworth. He is also survived by sisters Mary Webb, Gloria Fusco, and Virginia Papale.

WELCOMING HIS MAJESTY KING
HAMAD BIN ISA AL-KHALIFA ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO
THE UNITED STATES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend a warm welcome to His Majesty Shaikh Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, on the occasion of his visit to the United States.

The ties between our countries have spanned more than a century, beginning with the establishment of the first American hospital in the region at the turn of the 20th century. When Bahrain became the first Gulf Cooperation Council member to discover oil, it was with the aid of American technology and expertise.

On January 1, 1949, an important alliance began between the United States and Bahrain with the establishment of the Navy's first command in the Middle East—Persian Gulf Area Command. On August 16, 1949, this command was renamed the Middle East Force. This was a vital outpost throughout the cold war and contributed to the success of democracy over communism. The Middle East Force ships were the first United States military units to take action following the August 1990 invasion of Kuwait when they began Maritime Interception Operations in support of United Nations Sanctions against Iraq.

In January 1991, with the beginning of Operation Desert Storm, the Middle East Force was absorbed into United States Naval Forces Central Command, which is responsible for all United States Military activity in the Middle

East and Eastern Africa. Today, United States Naval Forces Central Command and the United States Fifth Fleet consist of as many as 25 ships and 15,000 sailors and Marines.

I commend Bahrain for its demonstrated commitment to both regional and international peace and stability. I recently visited Bahrain with a congressional delegation led by Congressman DARRELL ISSA, and I found that this cooperative spirit is still evident in the Kingdom's support for U.S. Armed Forces serving in Bahrain.

Since King Hamad assumed the throne in 1999, he has steered Bahrain toward developing a diversified economy and transforming the country into a constitutional monarchy. The amended Constitution of Bahrain reinforces and guarantees the political equality of women and freedom of religion. Municipal elections were revived in May 2002, and a democratically elected parliament was formed in October of the same year. Significantly, women were for the first time active participants in these elections as both voters and candidates.

On the economic front, Bahrain has demonstrated a strong commitment to free trade, privatization, and a free market economy. This is reflected in its membership in the World Trade Organization. Over the past four decades, Bahrain has actively pursued an economic policy based on diversification that has led this country to prosper. Bahrain's success has earned its recognition around the world, and the country has been accorded the rank of freest economy in the Arab world by the Heritage Foundation's 2003 Index of Economic Freedom report, and 16th worldwide.

The success of these economic policies enables Bahrain to boast a variety of industries ranging from petrochemicals, refining, aluminum, and ship repair, to investment banking and international trade. Today, Bahrain is the regional base for various inter- and multinational firms and is the financial hub of the Arab world.

I commend King Hamad and the people of Bahrain for their considerable success, and for their strong support for our men and women in uniform. I look forward to continued strong relations between the United States and Bahrain.

CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, it appears that the Congressional investigating and hearing process is over for the racketeering corporations of the nation. With all three branches of the government now controlled by Republicans, the world's most costly coverup can be finalized. Enron, Worldcom, and all of the rest have proved that crime can pay huge profits. As a member of the 108th Congress I beg that we at least be allowed to discuss these serious thefts on the floor of the House. But, alas, the Republican majority through a tyranny of rules changes has cut off the opportunity for free speech on the floor. We are forced to keep the dialogue alive through "guerrilla" communications among ourselves. The following two poems comment on corporate morality.

CORPORATE CREDO 1

Greed is great,
Less harmful than hate,
Not the business of the state,
Each sucker deserves fat bait.
For the economy's sake
Protect our freedom to take
From any investor on the make.
Pension funds we can feed
To the belly of great greed,
Old guys never really need
Too much green evil weed;
It's a handout risk free;
Social Security we guarantee—
401K's must take a chance,
The market is the ultimate romance.
Greed is great,
Not the business of the state,
Each sucker deserves fat bait.

CORPORATE CREDO 2

The corporate board meeting fee—
A check to cash with greedy glee,
Payment for presence at a silent tea,
Reward for stuff you didn't see;
All the bored can cop a plea:
Shareholder swindling is a shame,
Good members just sign their name,
Accountant culprits bear all the blame,
The SEC behaves too tame.
The corporate board meeting fee—
A check to cash with greedy glee.

TRIBUTE TO TIDAL WAVES

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the AYSO, Culver City, Region 19, Boys U12 Division team, Tidal Waves. Headed by the superb leadership of Coach Steve Salazar and Assistant Coach Alfonso Espinoza, Tidal Waves finished the season undefeated. Coach Salazar and Assistant Coach Espinoza knew how to get things done. Their tireless commitment, boundless energy, no nonsense coaching and clear sense of direction are responsible in a large measure for the Tidal Waves success.

Team members Austin Mott, Gregory Salazar, Henry Best, Joe Best, Mychal Cooper, Matthew Galvan, Austin Brasher, Giovanni Espinoza and Robin Clarkson played hard, tough competitive soccer. They gave their best effort at every practice. The players displayed a passion about improving their individual skills equal only to their determination to improve as a team. With every game played, they exceeded the skill of the game before. Tidal Waves always demonstrated good sportsmanship.

The enthusiasm and zest for soccer expressed by the team was matched by the commitment and support of the parents. The parents of Tidal Waves dedicated time and energy and keep the team's spirit high.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting Tidal Waves for their outstanding achievement in the 2002, AYSO Region 19, Boys U12 Division, Culver City.

THE POVERTY TRAP STUDY ACT OF 2003

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Poverty Trap Study Act of 2003. Although we have moved millions of families off welfare and into work, the road to advancement and self-sufficiency remains a difficult challenge. For a long time I have been concerned by the disincentives to working hard, earning more money, and even getting married, that we have created over time through the many support programs that provide assistance to lower income families. Too often a low-income household will find that, despite a rise in earnings, the family is actually worse off than it was beforehand.

One by one over the decades we have created programs to help the poor as we have perceived needs for housing assistance, nutritional assistance, health care, etc. At some income level these programs had to be eliminated or phased out. Unfortunately, as each program was designed individually without regard for the cumulative effects, we ended up phasing out all of them over the same income range, generally just above the poverty level. Tax liability also begins around the same income level. As a result, many working families in the income range of about \$12,000–\$30,000 lose a dollar or close to it in taxes and lost welfare benefits for each additional dollar income they earn—a combined marginal tax rate over 100 percent! Specifically, a family with two children in this income range pays 30 percent of income as rent if they are in subsidized housing, loses 21 percent of additional income to the EITC phaseout, 24 percent to the food stamp phaseout, 15 percent to the federal income tax, 7.65 percent to the employee share of FICA and, depending on the state, around 3 percent state income tax.

It's time for Congress to look at welfare and tax policy for low income families in a coherent fashion instead of the hit or miss piecemeal approach we have been employing. My legislation would create a commission to examine the cumulative effective marginal tax rates for low income families with children in a cross section of states, measure the effects, and make recommendations to fix the problem.

HONORING FRANK A. URSOMARSO,
SR. AND FRANK A. URSOMARSO,
JR.

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Frank A. Ursomarso, Sr. and Frank A. Ursomarso, Jr. of Union Park Automotive Group, Inc., this year's recipients of the Family Business of the Year Award from the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network.

As you know, small businesses such as Union Park Automotive Group, Inc., have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national

economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through Frank, Sr. and Frank, Jr.'s teamwork and guidance, Union Park Automotive Group, Inc. has distinguished itself as a leader amongst small businesses in Delaware by offering a valuable service and maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction.

Through out my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small businesses to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of Union Park Automotive Group, Inc. by the Delaware SBDC Network, in my mind, confirms this belief.

Frank, Sr. and Frank Jr.'s accomplishments and innovative leadership in the small business community have placed Union Park Automotive Group, Inc. in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend them on their receipt of this award and wish them continued success.

HONORING LEON BERMAN

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Leon Berman, a loving husband and father, a devoted community leader, and a great Floridian. Born in Paris in 1910 to his Jewish parents who escaped Russia, the family soon left France for the United States.

This difficult journey at so young an age marked the beginning of a remarkable life for Leon Berman, one that embodied service to the community and pride for his country. Berman will be best remembered for his unparalleled passion for life. Mr. Berman's daughter, Hollywood Mayor Mara Giulianti said, "He never wanted to die. He loved life until the very last second."

A Hollywood resident since the mid-1970s, Berman along with his wife Bertha helped many important causes in South Florida, and Berman is responsible for mobilizing numerous in the community to become involved in local politics. Berman founded the Hills Democratic Club, and was a key member of the Broward County Democratic Executive Committee.

As father to Mayor Mara Giulianti, Berman was her biggest supporter and most ardent campaigner, believing that his tireless work on the campaign trail could mean the difference between her election or defeat. As a highly regarded political activist in the area, Leon Berman was known to support and assist many Democratic and judicial candidates in South Florida.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a great honor to stand here today and honor this individual. Berman's devotion to his wife Bertha of 67 years, his commitment to family, and his involvement in the local community truly serve as an example to us all.

Mr. Berman is survived by his wife Bertha, his daughter Mara of Hollywood and daughter

Arlene Berman of New York City. Mr. Berman also had two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

RECOGNIZING ALFRED A. EDMOND, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to a friend of the Sixth District of New Jersey. Mr. Alfred A. Edmond, Jr. is the Senior Vice President and Editor in Chief of "Black Enterprise" Magazine—a premier source of business, investment, entrepreneurship, careers and financial management information for African Americans, as well as other racial and ethnic groups. I am pleased that he is the guest speaker at the Communications-Electronics Command and Fort Monmouth, New Jersey's annual Black History Month Luncheon on February 5, 2003. This year's Black History Month theme is "The Souls of Black Folk—100th Anniversary" in commemoration of the publication of the book by the noted author, newspaper and publications editor, historian and professor Dr. W.E.B. Dubois.

Mr. Edmond, a native of Long Branch, New Jersey, who currently resides in Brooklyn, New York, will be honored today for his accomplishments as a business and financial editor and leader. As Senior Vice President and Editor in Chief, Mr. Edmond oversees the research, planning, development and publication of information on entrepreneurship, leadership, careers, professional development and financial management to 4.1 million readers monthly. A talented and highly motivated individual, Mr. Edmond also provides motivational and self-development "words of wisdom" to the magazines' readers. An award-winning reporter and editor, Mr. Edmond was selected for three consecutive years (1998–2000) by TJFR Business News Reporter as one of the 100 Most Influential Financial Journalists in the country.

Mr. Edmond attended Long Branch High School where he was inducted into its Distinguished Alumni Academic Hall of Fame in 1996. He graduated in 1983 from Rutgers College at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey in New Brunswick with a degree in studio art and a minor in economics. Mr. Edmond led a Steering Committee in establishing the Rutgers University African American Alumni Alliance in 1990. He also served as an adjunct professor in the journalism department at Rutgers University.

Ms. Nancey Jackson-Johnson, a native of Newark, New Jersey who now resides in Freehold, New Jersey will perform as guest soloist and be recognized at this luncheon for her talent and accomplishments. In 1997, Ms. Jackson-Johnson recorded her debut album entitled "Free, Yes I'm Free." With the success of her debut album she released her sophomore project entitled "Relationship" in 1999. She was also a 1999 Stella Award Nominee for Contemporary Female Artist of the Year. Ms. Nancey Jackson-Johnson was the guest soloist at the Communications-Electronics Com-

mand and Fort Monmouth's Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Observance in January of 2003 and received rave reviews.

On this day we celebrate and honor the distinguished Mr. Alfred A. Edmond for his extensive accomplishments as a business editor and leader. I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending him in his dedication to his magazine and its readers.

REMARKS ON INTRODUCTION OF BILL TO PROVIDE PNTR TO ARMENIA

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to provide permanent normal trade relations to our ally Armenia. I hope colleagues will join me in passing this bill at the earliest opportunity.

Since declaring its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, Armenia has made great strides in developing a stable democratic and open society. This includes an adherence to the fundamental principle free emigration. I am pleased that Armenia has been found to be in full compliance with the Jackson-Vanik requirements regarding free emigration under title IV of the Trade Act of 1974. The time has now come for Armenia to be graduated from this annual review.

In 2002, despite the dual blockades by Turkey and Azerbaijan, Armenia was ranked 44th on the Heritage Foundation and Wall Street Journal's Index of Economic Freedom. According to this study, Armenia remains the most economically free country in the region, including all countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States. Armenia is poised to play a pivotal role as a commercial hub and has established a positive legal, regulatory and tax climate for foreign investment, reflecting the country's commitment to open and free trade.

Armenia's strategic location at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, democratic stability, entrepreneurial spirit and western value system make Armenia an increasingly important partner for the United States in the Caucasus region. Total United States-Armenia bilateral trade for 2002 amounted to more than \$134,200,000.

An indication of the progress Armenia has made is its success in pursuing membership in the World Trade Organization. On December 10, 2002, the World Trade Organization's General Assembly unanimously voted to approve Armenia's full accession to the Organization.

Armenia's accession to the WTO is a momentous event for this proud country that has worked hard to enact free-market reforms within a stable democratic framework. However, the full benefits of accession will not be realized unless Permanent Normal Trade Relations is granted to Armenia. Passing this bill will result in tangible benefits for Armenia and the United States and an even stronger relationship between our two countries.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this bill into law.

IN HONOR OF GREG BUCKLEY,
STEVE BUCKLEY, AND MICHELE
CRANER

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Greg Buckley, Steve Buckley and Michele Craner of Buckley's Auto Care, this year's recipients of the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network Diamond Award.

As you know, small businesses such as Buckley's Auto Care, have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through Greg, Steve and Michele's teamwork and guidance, Buckley's Auto Care has distinguished itself as a leader amongst small businesses in Delaware by offering a valuable service and maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction.

Through out my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small businesses to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of Buckley's Auto Care by the Delaware SBDC Network, in my mind, confirms this belief.

Greg, Steve and Michele's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the small business community have placed Buckley's Auto Care in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend them on their receipt of this award and wish them continued success.

**TRIBUTE TO ST. THOMAS THE
APOSTLE CHURCH**

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an organization whose dedication and contributions to Riverside County are exceptional. Riverside County has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community organizations who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. St. Thomas the apostle church is one of those organization. This January, St. Thomas the Apostle Church celebrates its 100th year anniversary.

The history of St. Thomas the Apostle Church includes service by the Jesuits, Franciscans and Diocesan priests as well as several communities of religious women. The Church has had the honor to have one of the newly named American saints work within the church community. St. Katharine Drexel and her order, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, served the religious needs of the children at the Indian schools in the Southwest.

In 1903, St. Thomas the Apostle Church's path began as Father O'Brien celebrated his first Mass to a church paced with Indian students using a kitchen table as an altar. In the

1940's, the church experienced many changes as the pews began to fill with Army personnel during World War II. Father Edmund Krolicki of the Conventual Franciscans, with the help of parishioner volunteers, worked to build the first school buildings at St. Thomas the Apostle. In the late 1950's the parish faced more challenges when the church was lost to an arson fire. The commitment of service and faith would see the church through these difficult times and the community quickly united in the effort of re-building the church.

The new millennium has brought the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle great spiritual and structural growth under the care and guidance of Fr. Joseph Felker. Since his arrival in 2000, the parish has enjoyed a renewed sense of community as the parish joins in the collaborative effort of renovating the parish site as well as building a new ministry center. The Katharine Drexel Ministry Center is a dream being actualized as a legacy for the next generation.

St. Thomas the Apostle continues to illustrate what a church community should strive for; a community of prayer, a place for families to be blessed; a place to celebrate the sacraments; and where God's live is at work. St. Thomas the Apostle's tireless work in their community and among their members has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of Riverside county. I congratulate St. Thomas the Apostle on 100 years of service and worship.

**ALLOTING SUFFICIENT TIME FOR
UNITED NATIONS WEAPONS
INSPECTORS FOR A THOROUGH AS-
SESSMENT OF THE LEVEL OF
COMPLIANCE BY THE GOVERN-
MENT OF IRAQ WITH U.N. RESO-
LUTION 1441 (2002)**

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a Resolution that mirrors the sentiments expressed by the Honorable Senator BYRD, and key members of the United Nations Security Council.

The United Nations weapons inspectors must be given more time to continue their work in Iraq.

Further, if the weapons inspectors are able to present evidence that the Government of Iraq has revived its nuclear weapons program, and is in material breach of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441, we must seek another Security Council Resolution authorizing the use of force against the Government of Iraq.

Although progress is slow in Iraq, it is progress. I believe that with continued pressure from international emissaries, Saddam Hussein will soon have no choice but to relinquish power voluntarily. We must continue to work together to exhaust peaceful and diplomatic means for disarming Saddam Hussein, because we have little to gain and much to lose in a unilateral preemptive strike against Iraq.

First and foremost, the men and women of our Armed Forces are already fully engaged in a war on terrorism. This must remain our highest priority.

Second, it stands to reason that the more aggressive and belligerent our posture as a nation becomes, the more we invite another terrorist attack. Make no mistake, passing a bill to create a Department of Homeland Security did little to make our homeland more secure, and we are woefully unprepared for another terrorist attack on our soil.

Third, even though the administration has tried to play down the looming crisis in North Korea, last week, the top military commander in the Pacific requested an additional 2,000 more troops to join the 37,000 already in South Korea.

And fourth, when I rose to speak against the Iraq Resolution five months ago, I voiced concerns that the Administration did not have any post-invasion plans in place yet. There is no doubt in my mind that the United States, alone, or as part of a coalition, can prosecute a war to a successful conclusion, but the question is—and then what? We still haven't been provided with any estimates on how long our troops would be engaged in peacekeeping or peace enforcement operations in the Middle East, or what the estimated costs will be for humanitarian assistance and reconstruction.

On January 24th, I joined 129 Members of the House in signing a letter to the President urging him to make every attempt to achieve Iraq's disarmament through diplomatic means and with the full support of our allies. Toady, I urge your support in sending the same message to the President with this Resolution.

**TRIBUTE TO THE BEREAN
INSTITUTE**

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the contributions of Philadelphia's own Berean Institute. Celebrating their 104th year, their unwavering commitment has served countless aspiring youth by preparing students for the world of work or continued education.

Berean Institute is a nonprofit, state-aided and nonsectarian post-secondary institution providing affordable, high-quality educational, vocational and technological training. It is "a place to be somebody, where you learn to earn."

Founded in 1899 by Reverend Dr. Matthew Anderson and his wife Dr. Caroline Still Anderson, Berean continues to provide a solid foundation that assures its students the opportunity to choose a great career and acquire the marketable skills to meet and compete in the ever-changing demands to today's workforce.

Mr. Speaker, the Berean Institute remains a beacon of hope to the lives of many brilliant, young minds whose opportunities may not have been paralleled to their potential. I hope that all of my distinguished colleagues will join me in recognizing their contributions to the citizens of Philadelphia, to Pennsylvania and to our great nation.

WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL ON
IRAQ

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call attention to an excellent editorial in today's Washington Post, written by the newspaper's editorial staff. They have presented a definitive summary of why we must act to disarm Iraq in preserving the safety of Americans.

THE CASE FOR ACTION

Even before Secretary of State Colin L. Powell's presentation to the United Nations Security Council today, it is clear that Iraq has not complied with Resolution 1441, which offered it a "final opportunity" to voluntarily disarm. Neither the U.N. weapons inspectors nor any permanent member of the council contends that Iraq has "fully" cooperated, as the resolution requires. Barring a dramatic change of behavior by Saddam Hussein in the coming weeks, that means a military intervention to disarm Iraq would be justified, even if the council passed no further resolutions. Still, there is a larger question that the United States and its allies must answer, and that underlies the debate that will begin: Even if it is lawful, is war the right course? The threshold for deciding on military action must be high, and there are legitimate questions to answer: Is Iraq genuinely a threat to U.S. security, and must it be dealt with now? Given the suffering that every war brings, the potential economic and political costs, and the likelihood of unforeseen consequences, would it be better to settle for a strategy of containing Saddam Hussein through continued U.N. sanctions and inspections? This would involve abandoning the tougher course the Security Council approved by a unanimous vote just 12 weeks ago; but if the Bush administration endorsed it, much of the country—and the world—would approve.

Yet we believe that it would be a mistake for the United States and its allies, confronted with continued intransigence, to shrink again from decisive action in Iraq. Unless unexpected change takes place in Baghdad, the United States should lead a force to remove Saddam Hussein's dictatorship and locate and destroy its chemical and biological weapons and its nuclear program. The Iraqi regime poses a threat not just to the United States but to global order. The removal of Saddam Hussein would advance the task of containing the spread of weapons of mass destruction to rogue states. It also would free millions of Iraqis from deprivation and oppression and make possible a broader movement to reshape the Arab Middle East, where political and economic backwardness have done much to spawn extremists such as al Qaeda. In contrast, a continued failure to act would send dictators and terrorists a devastating message about the impotence of the United States and the United Nations. It would encourage extremists in their rush for nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

That Iraq has the capacity to threaten vital U.S. interests has been clear at least since 1990, when Saddam Hussein's army invaded Kuwait, seized its oil fields and stood ready to move on to Saudi Arabia. Had Saddam Hussein waited the few months that his scientists then needed to complete a nuclear weapon, the United States might not have reversed the invasion; should he acquire them and again seek domination of the Mid-

dle East, the West would face a challenge like that now posed by North Korea, with far higher stakes. The 1991 Persian Gulf War did not eliminate the Iraqi threat, because Saddam Hussein and most of his army and arsenal survived; so the first Bush administration and the Security Council adopted a strategy of containment. This involved ordering Iraq to give up chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, dispatching inspectors to verify that process, and indefinitely extending sanctions that crippled Iraq's economy.

Those who advocate containment through inspections ignore that strategy's costly failure during the 1990s. Inspectors traipsed through Iraq for seven years as Baghdad defied or ignored one Security Council resolution after the next. The most dangerous chemical and biological weapons were not discovered for four years, and then only with the help of a defector. After that, Iraq stepped up its concealment operation, leaving thousands of tons of chemical and biological material and dozens of missiles missing; as inspector Hans Blix reported last week, they are still unaccounted for. Meanwhile, the Iraqi people suffered terribly, even as Saddam Hussein built new palaces. There were widespread reports of deaths through malnutrition and lack of medicine, and many Arab extremists, including Osama bin Laden, reaped political capital by blaming the United States. Eventually, the Security Council's will to maintain the containment regime collapsed, and in 1998 Saddam Hussein was able to drive out the inspectors.

At the time, there was broad consensus about the lessons and consequences of what had happened. Congress passed, and President Clinton endorsed, a resolution shifting U.S. policy in Iraq from containment to regime change. "In this century, we learned through harsh experience that the only answer to aggression and illegal behavior is firmness," Mr. Clinton said while he still occupied the White House. "If we fail to respond today, Saddam, and all those who would follow in his footsteps, will be emboldened tomorrow by the knowledge that they can act with impunity, even in the face of a clear message from the United Nations Security Council."

Yet Mr. Clinton did fail to respond. Saddam Hussein had four years to strengthen his arsenal, even as the sanctions effectively collapsed. According to Mr. Blix and Western intelligence agencies, he illegally imported hundreds of new missile engines and rebuilt production facilities. He created drones and mobile biological laboratories and sought nuclear material from several nations. Mr. Powell probably will add more to that indictment today. The Bush administration promised a tougher response, but only after Sept. 11, 2001, was it able to summon the will. President Bush, along with most of Congress and the American public, was driven to accept the point made by President Clinton: that the United States, and the world, cannot allow rogue regimes to build deadly weapons in open defiance of international law and the United Nations. The fresh documentation of al Qaeda's hunt for weapons of mass destruction, and the danger that it has or might acquire such weapons from Saddam Hussein, have only sharpened that point.

The people of Iraq and its region would benefit from an end to the tyranny of Saddam Hussein, who is guilty of some of the most terrible war crimes and human rights violations of the past 50 years. He has tortured, gassed and slaughtered his people and has invaded two neighboring nations. The liberation of Iraq's people would present the United States and its allies with a difficult and prolonged challenge of nation-building. If poorly handled—and reports of the admin-

istration's planning so far do not inspire confidence—the postwar era could inject serious new problems into a troubled region. But if the goal of preserving a unified Iraq under the administration of a democratic regime were achieved, it could give decisive impetus to nascent movements for reform that exist throughout the Middle East.

In the end, though, a war in Iraq would not be primarily a humanitarian exercise but an operation essential to American security. President Bush's move toward action on Iraq has not been a bolt from the blue or a departure from past U.S. policy, though the administration's clumsy handling of its arguments and allies has sometimes made it look that way. Nor must it be seen as an exercise in Mr. Bush's new doctrine of preemption, though ideologues on both sides would portray it as such. Rather, it is the completion of a vital mission of international security repeatedly confirmed by the U.N. Security Council, by a Democratic president and by bipartisan majorities of Congress. War is never to be welcomed. But a decade of failed diplomacy and containment has brought the nation and its allies to a point where war may soon be the only credible option for ending the threat of Saddam Hussein.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL DEAN,
POSTMASTER OF HUNTINGTOWN
POST OFFICE IN MARYLAND

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago, the Huntingtown community in my district experienced a tragic and untimely loss, a loss to the U.S. Postal Service, a loss to the 5th District of Maryland, a loss to a community, and a loss to many close family and friends. I wish to take a moment today to pay tribute to the memory of Michael Dean, Postmaster of the Huntingtown Post Office in Huntingtown, MD.

Mike Dean tragically died following a motorcycle accident on January 9, 2003. He was a highly respected Postmaster who had been recognized on numerous occasions for his outstanding work with the Postal Service. On many occasions, he was given the opportunity to advance his career by accepting a well-deserved promotion. He always refused, preferring to stay and serve the community of his beloved "Downtown Huntingtown."

His accomplishments within the Postal Service, within his community, and within his church are so numerous that it is impossible to list them all. For the Postal Service, Mike will be remembered as a loyal and trusted co-worker. He was a teacher and mentor to newly appointed Postmasters. He was a person his manager or a fellow Postmaster could call upon when help was needed anywhere, at any time. He was active for many years in the National Association of Postmasters of the United States. To his employees at the Huntingtown Post Office, he was much more than just "the boss." He was a friend, advisor, teacher, and a leader by example.

Mike was appointed Postmaster of Huntingtown 24 years ago, and he grew along with the town. Until his death, the bond between Mike Dean and his community seemed unbreakable. He served people in every way imaginable with grace, humor, and always with a sense of selflessness. Mike served on the

board of directors of the United Way of Calvert County, and was a long-time volunteer with the Meals on Wheels program. He was active with local schools, serving on the PTA and establishing a "Wee Deliver" program to promote reading and writing skills. When a neighbor was ill, Mike was there to cut his grass. When a local farmer needed help, Mike was there to help strip tobacco.

As a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Prince Frederick, he served enthusiastically as president of the Men's Club, raising funds for the parish for numerous projects. When the parish grew so large that it became necessary to create a new parish, he took a leadership role in the formation and development of Jesus the Divine Word Catholic Church. He leaves behind family, many friends, neighbors, and coworkers who mourn his loss deeply.

Michael Dean's own life was not without sorrow and loss, but he had the ability to work his way through the pain and difficulty, and to emerge from difficult times still strong in his faith, and ready to serve his fellow man. In this way, I would like to take a moment to honor the memory of a colleague, a dear friend, and beloved family member to so many.

AUTHORIZING EXPANSION OF
KALOKO-HONOKŌHAU NATIONAL
HISTORICAL PARK, KONA,
HAWAII

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to authorize expansion of the Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park, located on the Kona Coast of the Island of Hawai'i.

This bill would authorize expansion of the park boundaries to allow the National Park Service to purchase a 2.14-acre parcel with an existing building to serve as a park headquarters. The park has been without a permanent headquarters since its establishment in 1978, and is now renting space some distance from the park.

Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park was created for the national preservation, protection and interpretation of traditional native Hawaiian activities and culture. This 1,160-acre park is remarkable not only for its cultural and historical attributes, but as an incredibly beautiful, unspoiled natural treasure. The park is the site of an ancient Hawaiian settlement, which encompasses portions of four different ahupua'a, or traditional sea-to-mountain land divisions. Its resources include ancient fishponds, kahua (house site platforms), ki'i pohaku (petroglyphs), a holua (stone slide), and heiau (religious sites). The park is of tremendous significance to the people of Hawai'i, and especially to indigenous Native Hawaiians.

The National Park Service is currently renting space for its headquarters at a cost of \$150,000 a year. The current headquarters only has parking for three to four visitors at a time, which is woefully inadequate to accommodate the growing number of visitors to the park. Visitors increased from 54,000 in 2001 to 70,000 in 2002. The proposed acquisition has plenty of parking for visitors and park vehicles. And the existing building has more than adequate space for the park's administrative needs and interpretive mission. The already-developed parcel has the additional benefit of being right next to the park; therefore, the fragile resources within the current park boundaries will not be adversely affected.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and to come to my birthplace, the Big Island of Hawai'i, to visit this magnificent national treasure. Aloha!

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY HONORS
HARRY WOSKE FOR HIS YEARS
OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Harry Woske, MD, of Hunterdon County NJ. Dr. Woske is one of the county's leading physicians and has been serving our community for more than four decades.

Along with his commitment to his patients he has been a teacher and mentor to his fellow doctors. He has received numerous honors recognizing his work, including the Hunterdon Medical Center's "Teacher of the Year" award in 1978 and New Jersey Magazine's "Top Doc" award in 1998. Dr. Woske served as the Chief of Internal Medicine at Hunterdon Medical Center from 1960 to 1969 and the Chief of Medical Services at Raritan Valley Hospital from 1973 to 1976.

Dr. Woske returned to Hunterdon Medical Center, where he has been the Chief of Cardiology since 1977. He is a member of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services' Cardiovascular Health Advisory Panel. Throughout his career, he has been a member of more than twenty professional and scientific societies, including the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, and the New Jersey State Society of Medicine.

As an inspiration to physicians throughout the county of Hunterdon and the state of New Jersey, and as an active member of the Rotary Club, Dr. Woske has contributed significantly to the life of his community. He has earned our heartfelt appreciation for his efforts.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 11

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization.

SR-253

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine a post Saddam Iraq.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold oversight hearings to examine the Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report of the Federal Reserve.

SH-216

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the President's International Affairs Budget.

SD-608

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joseph Timothy Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

SH-216

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Judiciary

To hold joint hearings to examine patient access crisis, focusing on the role of medical litigation.

SD-106

FEBRUARY 12

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; to be followed by a closed meeting to be held in SH-219.

SH-216

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the Columbia Space Shuttle.

Room to be announced

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold joint hearings with the House Science Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics to examine the recent space shuttle Columbia accident.

Room to be announced

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine a post conflict Iraq.

SD-419

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine judicial nominations.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure for the 108th Congress, subcommittee assignments, S. 239, to amend the Public Health Services Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, proposed legislation entitled "Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003", proposed legislation concerning NIH Foundation, proposed legislation concerning birth defects, and proposed legislation entitled "Animal Drug User Fee Act".

SD-430

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination Ross O. Swimmer, to be Special Trustee—American Indians, Department of the Interior.

SR-485

FEBRUARY 13

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216

Armed Services

To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine oil, gas, Hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on oil supply and prices.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 25

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine world food aid.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine terrorism, focusing on state and local response.

SD-430

2 p.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to ex-

amine a legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine oil, gas, Hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on gas supply and prices.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 26

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

FEBRUARY 27

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of State.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine oil, gas, hydrogrogen, and conservation, focusing on energy production on federal lands.

SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the Workforce Investment Act.

SD-340

MARCH 4

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine oil, gas, Hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on financial conditions of the electricity market.

SD-366

MARCH 6

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine oil, gas, Hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on energy use in the transportation sector.

SD-366

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, the Blinded Veterans Association, and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association.

345 Cannon Building

MARCH 11

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine oil, gas, Hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on federal programs for energy efficiency and conservation.

SD-366

MARCH 12

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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